

Worksite Wellness Success Stories

May 2007

Departments of Education & Environmental Quality Smart Commute Challenge

The *Smart Commute '07* encouraged people to try walking, bicycling, carpooling, vanpooling, telecommuting, and other "smart modes" during the month of May.



Michigan Department of Education:

There are almost 30 employees and contractors from the Department of Education (MDE) who signed up for the [Smart Commute Challenge](#). Jane Reagan, an employee participating as a MDE team member in the challenge, said "Although we are a very small department, we competed in the 'large employer' category against some pretty tough competition. But we car-pooled, walked, bicycled and bused to work, and we fully expect to continue our 'smart commuting' beyond May, when the 'challenge' ended". Reagan goes on to say that we did this for the first time in 2006 and had lots of fun in 2007. The Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council, who organizes this event, is easy to work with and sends periodic emails to keep us fired up. They also sent us our Smart Commuter t-shirts!

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Michigan Department of Environmental Quality:

CONGRATULATIONS to the MDEQ - Land & Water Management Division, who was the first place winner in the Large (50+ employees) Size Employer Category! DEQ had the highest cumulative percentage of Smart Commuters (out of total employees) for the challenge week May 14-25, 2007.

[DEQ - My Smart Commute Testimonial](#)